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26 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Coverage of Cuba

Attached for the information and reference of the COMOR is a proposal for recoverage of Cuba which was approved by the COMOR at its meeting on 26 January and forwarded the same day for necessary approval.

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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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Recommendation for Coverage of Cuba

1.   The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) has received a request by the JCS for coverage of Cuba so timed as to permit processing and readout of the information prior to Saturday, 3 February.

2.   The fluidity of the tactical situation in Cuba today would allow the Cuban regime to move against U.S. facilities in Cuba with little notice. There is now scheduled a political rally in Cuba on 3 February. CINCLANT and the Commander of Guantanamo Naval Base have expressed their concern that this rally might be the occasion for Castro to initiate military action against the Naval Base.

3.   In keeping with the standing approval of the Special Group for one flight per month of Cuba, it is proposed to program the February flight for 1 February to meet the requirement stated above. In a separate paper the COMOR is submitting its recommendation for a Special Group approval for increasing the overflights of Cuba from one to two times per month. If the Special Group grants its approval for twice monthly flights, a second flight will be mounted at a later date in February.

4.   Recommendation: The COMOR recommends that the requested coverage be accomplished.

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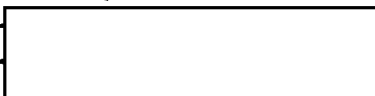19--DIR NPIC
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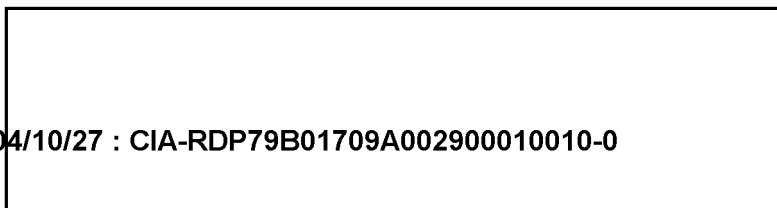22--C/DMD/NPIC
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